

TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND
Workshop with Town Council and County Council
Easton Diner - 7:30 a.m.

March 5, 2013

PRESENT AT CONVENING

Mayor Robert C. Willey
Council President John Ford

Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski, Sr.
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone
Councilmember Pete Leshner

Also present was Town Manager Mr. Robert Karge, Town Attorney Mrs. Sharon VanEmburch, and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

Present from the Talbot County Council was: President Dirck K. Bartlett, Vice President Corey W. Pack, Thomas G. Duncan, R. Andrew Hollis, Laura E. Price and County Manager John Craig.

MEETING

At 7:36 a.m., Mayor Willey welcomed everyone and stated there was no set agenda.

Mayor Willey stated that Mrs. Scott Taylor Economic Development Director has recently announced her retirement and Mr. Heckler will be stepping in the interim. He suggested collaborating with Talbot County for Economic Development resources.

Discussion occurred regarding the transfer of Dutchman's Lane and Elliott Road to the Town of Easton and ensuring the roads meet town specifications.

Mayor Willey stated that Dutchman's Lane could be more problematic than Elliott Road.

Mr. Bartlett discussed a recent meeting with residents on Dutchman's Lane. He stated that their main concerns were pedestrian safety and lighting. Mr. Bartlett suggested bring the road to town standards when infill development occurs so the developer incurs most of the expense. Drainage issues were discussed.

President Ford stated that it is good for the town and county to work in this joint effort. He suggested improvements to Dutchman's Lane to make the road more pedestrian safety but to only do it once and right the first time.

Mr. Karge suggested getting cost estimates to see what needs to be accomplished.

President Ford suggested meeting in early April to discuss ways to move forward.

Mayor Willey suggested County Engineer Ray Clark and Brian Hause meet to see what needs to be accomplished and in what chronological order it should be done.

Mr. Craig reiterated that that the county is aware that the roads are not up to town specifications.

Mr. Bartlett suggested the town and county look at working together for economic development issues.

Mayor Willey stated that the Talbot Commerce Park is not progressing and business are not being recruited. He stated that there is an opportunity for the town and county to marry up their resources to accomplish more.

Transportation throughout the county was discussed. It was suggested to talk to DCT to discuss a dedicated trolley system.

Ms. Malone discussed the Strategic Planning Session.

Ms. Price suggested meeting again when the Sage Policy Group report is received.

Mayor Willey stated that another meeting should be held when the staff reports back about the necessary upgrades to Elliott Road and Dutchman's Lane.

Mr. Bartlett exited the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

ADJOURN

At 8:50 a.m., upon motion by Mr. Wendowski, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the meeting.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk